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SUBJECT: EXECUTION OF 26TH BN COMMANDER

REF: ADDIS ABABA 8833

1. USUALLY GOOD SOURCE WITH ACCESS INFORMS US THAT 26TH BN CO AND HIS ACCOMPLICE WERE INDEED EXECUTED BY SOLDIERS OF THEIR BATTALION IN ASSAB (REFTEL).

2. SOURCE STATES THAT CO, WITH CONCURRENCE OF HIS UNIT, HAD SENT OUT MESSAGES REQUESTING ALL MILITARY UNITS TO JOINT 26TH IN ATTEMPTING TO OVERTHROW DIRG. ONE ERITREAN-BASED UNIT (DESIGNATION UNKNOWN) RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY AND OTHER UNITS HAD REPORTEDLY BEGUN POLLING THEIR TROOPS. WHEN DIRG SENT OUT STRONG MESSAGES THREATENING 26TH BN AND ANY OTHER UNITS WHO COOPERATED WITH THEM, 26TH BN TROOPERS BECAME FRIGHTENED AND EXECUTED THEIR CO AND HIS AIDE, THINKING THIS WAS ONLY WAY TO AVOID RETRIBUTION. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT AIRBORNE BN IN ERITREA DID NOT RECEIVE THE MESSAGE OR THEY WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY JOINED EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW DIRG.

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3. COMMENT: TWENTY-SIXTH BN'S EFFORTS CAME TO NAUGHT AND

DIRG IS MAKING THE MOST OUT OF FACT THAT PLOTTERS WERE
EXECUTED BY THEIR OWN TROOPS. DIRG APPARENTLY HOPES THAT
THIS MAY BE FURTHER DETERRENT TO UNIT COMMANDERS WHO MIGHT
BE INCLINED TO ATTEMPT SUCH ANTI-DIRG ACTIVITY IN THE FUTURE.
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